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A DECLARATION OF THE Lords and Commons Assembled in Parliament,

WITH INSTRVCTIONS for the Lords Lieutenants, Committees of Parliament, and other Officers and Commanders in the Counties of *Warwick* and *Stafford*, and Cities and Counties of *Coventry* and *Litchfield*; Touching the association of the said Counties and parts adjacent, for the defence of themselves and suppressing and disarming of Enemies, and persons ill-affected. And for raysing of Plate, and Monies for that end and purpose.

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A Declaration of the Lords and Commons assembled in Parliament.

THe Lords and Commons now in Parliament assembled, being certainely informed that Papists and other wicked, and ill affected persons, have traiterously combined together, and entred into association, and have raised, and daily do raise great forces both of horse and foote, in severall Counties of this Kingdome, and have plundered, spoyled, and destroyed, multitudes of his Majesties good Subjects, and if not timely prevented, will utterly subvert, and destroy the true protestant religion (which is their chiefe designe) the lawes of the Land, the priviledges of Parliament, and the liberty of the Subjects. The said Lords and Commons doe declare, that they hold it a thing most fit and necessary for the present state of this Kingdome. And for the better securing of the County of Warwicke, and City and County of Coventry, and of the County of Stafford, and City and County of Lichfield, and the parties adjacent to the said Counties, and doe accordingly, Order and Ordaine; That the Lords Livetenants and the Committees of parliament hereafter named (that is to say) for the County of Warwicke, and City and County of Coventry, Sir *Peter Wentworth* Knight of the Bath, *William Purefoy* Esquire, *Godfrey Bosevile* Esquire, *John Barker* Esquire, *William Iessop* Esquire, the present Major of the City of Coventry, *John Hales* Esquire, *Anthony Stoughton* Esquire, *Thomas Boughton* Esquire, *William Colmore* Esquire, *George Abbot* Esquire, And *Thomas Basnet* Alderman, and for the Countie of Stafford, and City and County of Lichfeild, Sir *Hugh Wrotesley* Knight and Baronet, Sir *Charles Egerton* Knight, *T. Crompton* Esquire, *Edward Manwaring* Esquire, *Thomas Parkes* Esquire, *John Skrimshey* Esquire, *Gerard Skrimshey* Esquire, *Edward Leigh* Esquire, *Richard Broughton* Esquire, *Mathew Moreton* Esquire, *Richard Payot* Esquire, *George Parker* Esquire, *Humphrey Wicley Rowland Cotton* Esquire, *Walter Grosvenor* Esquire, *Richard Flier* Esquire, *Francis Collier* Esquire, *Richard Bowyer* Esquire, *Ralph Rudier* Esquire, The Maior of Stafford for the time being, *Edward Broughton* Gentleman, *John Birch* Gentleman, *Phillip Jackson* Gentleman, *Henry Stone* Gentleman, *John Swinfield* Gentleman, The Baliffes and Sheriffe of the City of Lichfield for the time being, *John Bourne* Gentleman, *Richard Baxter* Gentleman, And all Colonells, Lieuetenant Colonells, Serieant Majors, and other Captaines and Officers, and all other well affected persons inhabiting within the said severall Counties, and Cities and parts adjacent shall and may associate themselves and mutually aid, and succour, and assist one another, in the mutuall preservation and defence of themselves, and the peace of the said Cities and Counties

Counties from all rapine plundering and ſpoilings of the ſaid papiſts, and ill affected perſons. And it is further ordered, ordained, and declared that the ſaid Lord Lieuetenants, Committees of Parliament, Colonells, Lieuetenant Colonells, Serjeant Majors, Captaines and other officers, have power and authority, to raiſe fortes of horſe and foote, and to lead them into any place which ſhall be fitting and convenient, and to give battel, and to fight with all ſuch as are, or ſhall be raiſed to levy warre againſt the Parliament, and all other forces raiſed without Authoritie and conſent of both Houſes of Parliament, that make any inſurrection, and plunder, or deſtroy his Majeſties good Subjects, And them to invade, reſiſt, ſuppreſſe, ſubdue, and purſue, kill, and ſlay, and put to execution of death, and by all meanes to deſtroy as enemies to the Kingdome, and to performe all things elſe needfull for the preſervation of the ſafety, and peace of the ſaid Cities and Counties and parts adjacent, obſerving from time to time ſuch other directions, and commands, as they ſhall receive from both Houſes of Parliament, or from the Earle of Eſſex Lord Generall, and that the ſaid perſons, and other the inhabitants for ſo doing ſhall be ſaved and kept harmeleſſe by the power and authority of Parliament. And the ſaid Lords and Commons takeing into their ſerious conſideration the neceſſity of appointing a Commander in chiefe, over the forces which are, or ſhall be raiſed in the Cities and Counties aforeſaid, or any of them for the ſervice aforeſaid, in regard that by particular Commiſſions already granted to perſons in the ſaid ſeverall Counties, there was no power given to lead forces out of their owne Counties, It is ordered & ordeined that the Lord Generall, the E. of Eſſex ſhall be deſired to grant a Commiſſion to *Robert* Lord *Brooke* to command in chiefe as Generall of all the forces, raiſed or to be raiſed in the ſaid Cities, and Counties, and parts adjacent, and to have power to lead, command, and carry the ſame to ſuch places within the ſaid Cities and Counties and parts adjacent, as he ſhall thinke fit for the defence thereof, And likewiſe power to give the ſame order and inſtructions in his ſaid Excellencies abſence, for regulating the ſouldiers, which are or ſhall be under his command, as his ſaid Excellency hath given to his Army, and to uſe martiall law, to compell obedience thereunto, as occaſion ſhall require. And alſo power and authority to make and appoint all officers for levying, conducting, and leading the ſaid forces as he ſhall thinke fit.

Iohn Browne Cler.

Instructions for the Lords Lieutenants, Committees of Parliament, and other Officers and Commanders, in the Counties of *Warwick* and *Stafford*, and Cities and Counties of *Coventry* and *Lichfield*.

THat the Lords Lieutenants of the severall Counties of Warwick and Stafford, and Cities and Counties of Coventry and Lichfield, or the Committees of Parliament of the said Cities and Counties respectively, or any three or more of them, with all convenient speed doe summon the severall Gentlemen freeholders, and other inhabitants of the said severall Cities and Counties, aswell within liberties and Corporations as without, that doe or are able to beare or finde Armes, to such places in the said severall Counties and Cities as they hold most fitting, and at such meetings, to take a view what Armes and Force can be raised in the said Cities and Counties respectively, and examine the defects of Armes and Ammunition; and to consult of some fitting course how to have the want of Armes and other defects to be supplyed: And at such meetings or at any other fit time and times, with the assistance of the Committee for the propositions, and subscriptions in the severall Counties and Cities aforesaid, and parts adjacent, or any two of them, shall and may propound to all the Inhabitants of the said Cities and Counties that are able to beare or finde Armes, or to contribute towards the same, what present and eminent danger and necessity the whole Kingdom is now reduced unto by the wicked advice, and attempts and conspiracies of Papists and other persons now about His Majesty, and to propound to them to joyne in Association and mutuall defence of one another, according to the forme of an Association hereunto annexed. And to require them to set downe in writting, and subscribe what Armes for Horse and Foot, what Horse either for Dragoones or others they will have in readinesse upon every just occasion for the defence of the said Cities and Counties.

Secondly, the better to prevent the plundering and spoyling of the said Cities and Counties, and the parts adjacent, and to have meanes for the furnishing of Armes and Ammuniton, making of fortifica-

fortifications and payment of the Garrisons, Officers, and Souldiers, and other publique necessary charges, That thereby forthwith raised in the said severall Cities and Counties respectively, and in the Corporations, Constablaries and Parishes thereof, such sums of money as shall necessarily be disbursed and expended for the uses aforesaid; The same sums to be rated and assessed in like sort as was the fourehundred thousand pounds granted by Act this present Parliament, wherein the persons who have not subscribed to the Parliaments late propositions, shall be assessed, and their assessements levied in such sort as by the Ordinance late made for the City of London, and the parts adiacent, such like persons are to be assessed and their assessements levyed: for which sums of money so rated and levyed and expended as aforesaid, the Lord Lieutenant and Committee, shall be accomptable for their proceeding therein to both Houses of Parliament, and none else.

And for the better levying of the said sums of money, that the said Lords Lieutenants, and the said Committee of the said Counties respectively, or any three or more of them, shall or may assesse, and tax or cause to be assessed or tared, the said sums, upon the said severall Cities and Counties, and the Corporations, Townes, Constablaries and Parishes within the same, in like manner as is aforesaid; And that they or any three or more of them, nominate and appoint Treasurers, Collectors and assessors, in every of the said Counties, for the assessing, receiving and collecting the said sums of money, And shall and may grant warrants under their hands and seales in writing, to any Constable, or other Officer whatsoever, to raise, and levy the said sums so to be assessed and tared as aforesaid, upon all such persons upon whom any such sums shall be so assessed and set, that doe refuse or neglect to pay the same, it shall and may be lawfull to and for the said Assessors, or any other persons to whom warrants by the Lords Lieutenants, and Committees respectively shall be granted to levy the said sums so assessed by way of distresse, and rate of the goods, of the person so assessed and refusing. And if any person so distrained shall make resistance, it shall and may be lawfull to and for the respective Lords Lieutenants, and Committees to send any of the Trained-bands or other Souldiers of the respective Counties, and Cities aforesaid to compell the said parties so refusing to obedience of this Ordinance. And in case no distresse is, or may be found, then the said respective Lords Lieutenants, and Committees aforesaid, or any three or more of them, shall or may commit such person, and persons so refusing to pay, as aforesaid, to some common Gaole, thereto remaine without bayle or mainprize, untill payment made of such sum and loanes as aforesaid.

Thirdly, that all Sheriffes, Iuſtices of peace, Maiors, Bailifs, Conſtables, and all other His Maieſties Officers, as well within liberties as without, be, from time to time aiding and aſſiſting unto the ſaid Lord Lieutenants, and Committées in execution of the power to them given by the Lords and Commons in Parliament, and of theſe inſtructions.

Fourthly, that no Treaſurer or Receiver of any money, ſhall iſſue out any money, but under the hands of the Lord Lieftenants and Committées or any three of them in every County reſpectively. And that the ſeverall Lord Lieutenants, and Committées, doe not ſigne or grant any warrants for the iſſuing or paying any ſum or ſums, but for the furniſhing of Armes and Ammunition making of fortifications, paynent of Officers, and Souldiers, and other neceſſary publique charges, tending to the ſafety and preſervation of the ſaid Cities, and Counties and not otherwiſe.

Fifthly, that the ſaid Lord Lieutenants, and Committées of every the ſaid Cities and Counties reſpectively, or any three or more of them, ſhall and may from time to time raiſe ſuch, and ſo many of the Trained-bands, and other perſons inhabiting in the ſaid Cities, and Counties as they ſhall Iudge it neceſſary and fitting to enter into the houſes of all Papiſts, and other perſons that are voted to be Delinquents by both, or either Houſe of Parliament, or that have put in execution the Commiſſion of Array or that have beene preſent with or aiding or aſſiſting to His Maieſty in this unnaturall war againſt the Parliament, or that being of ability have not contributed upon the propoſitions of raiſing of Horſe, Money, or Plate for the defence of King and Parliament, or that have refuſed to ſend Horſe, and Armes, to the Muſters, when by the deputy Lieutenants appointed by the power of Parliament, they having beene required ſo to doe. Or ſuch Clergy-men and others that have publiquely preached or declared themſelves to oppoſe, diſgrace, or revile the proceedings of both or either Houſe of Parliament; And to ſeiſe upon the Armes, Amunition and Horſes fit for ſervice in the war, that belong to ſuch perſon, and perſons, the ſame Horſes, Armes, and Amunition to be imployed and diſpoſed of by the direction of the ſaid Lord Lieutenants, and Committees of the ſaid ſeverall and reſpective Cities and Counties, or any three, or more of them for the publique ſervice, and defence of the ſeverall Cities and Counties aforeſaid.

Sixthly, that the ſaid Lord Lieutenants, and Committées or any three or more of them doe cauſe the ſeverall companies of the trained-bands and volunteers to be put into Regiments, and to nominate, appoint, and place Colonells, Lieutenant Colonells, Serjeant Majors, Captains, Lieutenants, and other officers to every

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Regiment and company where any such are wanting, or when such as are and have beene nominated, have refused to execute those places.

Seventhly, that the Dragoners be put into Companies, and that one hundred and twelve be allotted to a Company, and that each Company of Dragoners have an experienced Souldier to be a Corporall, and to have the present pay of a Corporall.

Eightly, that the said Lord Lieutenants, and Committees in each County respectively or any three or more of them, shall and may give command and directions from time to time to secure and fortifie all Bridges, Cawses, and Passages, and in times of approach of an Enemy or feare of any invasion by an Enemy, to pull down or stop the Bridges, Cawses, Passages and to cut the bankes of the said Counties respectively. And to have power to fortify and secure any Town, Hundred, or Hamlet, where the said Town, Hundred, or Hamlet, are willing to doe the same at their own proper charges. And also to have power at all times to seize and stop all Barges, Boats or other Vessells passing by water for the safety of the said Cities and Counties, and places adjacent.

Ninthly, it is further ordered and declared that the said Committees, for the said severall Cities, and Counties respectively, shall or may call unto their assistance such person, and persons, as they shall thinke for the better and more orderly execution and performance of these instructions.

Tenthly, the Lord Lieutenant, or Committees or any three or more of them shall or may imprison, and commit to safe custody all every such persons as being able and have had due summons, doe notwithstanding refuse or wilfully neglect to appeare at Muster, or to send some able persons to be allowed of by the Captaines, or chefe Officers of the Company in his behalfe.

And it is lastly ordered and declared, that the instructions of the fifteenth day of August last past for Iohn Hales, Isaack Bromwich Esquire, Iohn Barker Alderman, Thomas Bashet Alderman, and Robert Phipps Gentleman, appointed to take care of the peace of the City of Coventry shall be henceforth void, and of no effect,

Iohn Browne Cler. Parliament.

Henry Elsynge Cler. Par. D. Com.

We

WE whoſe names are under written, Inhabitants of the Counties of Warwick, and Stafford, and of the Cities and Counties of Coventry and Lichfield, and parts adjacent, doe hereby ingage our ſelves to provide Horſes and Armes, and to maintaine and finde at our owne proper coſt and charges, and at all times to have in readineſſe for the ſervice of the ſaid Cities and Counties, and parts adjacent now aſſociated together, by authority of both Houſes of Parliament, ſo many men compleatly armed, and furniſhed, and ſuch Horſes, Geldings, Naggs, Mares, as we have ſeverally and reſpectively ſubſcribed for, to bee commanded, led and conducted, in any parts and places within the ſaid Cities, Counties or parts adjacent, by ſuch perſons as now have, or hereafter ſhall have the command in chiefe of all the ſaid Forces of the ſaid Cities, Counties, and parts adjacent.

Whereas the Lords and Commons aſſembled in Parliament, have taken into their conſideration, that in times ſo full of diviſion and danger as theſe are, in union of our hearts and forces, it is moſt conducing to the publique good and ſafety of the whole Kingdome, and have therefore ordained, That the Inhabitants of the County of Warwick and Stafford, and of the Cities and Counties of Coventry and Lichfield ſhould enter into aſſociation with one another, for the maintenance and preſervation of the ſame Cities and Counties. Therefore in purſuance of the ſaid order, and the better to confirme a mutuall confidence in one another, we whoſe names are hereunto ſubſcribed, doe hereby promiſe teſtifie and declare to maintaine, and defend with our lives power and eſtates, the peace of the ſaid Cities and Counties, and parts adjacent, and to aid and aſſiſt one another under the command and conduct of ſuch perſons as now have, or hereafter ſhall have by the authority of both Houſes of Parliament, or of the Lord Generall, the command in chiefe of all the Forces of the ſaid Cities and Counties, according to the true intent and meaning of the ſaid order of Aſſociation, whereunto we muſt moſt willingly give our aſſent, and neither for hope feare, or other reſpects, ſhall ever relinquiſh this promiſe.

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